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-3 I. The Gustloff-Werke (pre-1933 Simsonwerke) at Suhl, which were producing pistols and sporting rifles for the Russians, have been dismantled and transferred to the Soviet Union.

-3 2. The Walther arms factory in Zella-Mehlis, which was producing pistols for the Russians, has also been completely dismantled.

-6 3. The Vereinigte Metallwerke, formerly J. P. Sauer & Sohn, are engaged in the manufacture of sporting weapons and parts for machine pistols. The firm has also set up a new plant for the production of typewriters. Approximately one thousand workers are presently employed in the various divisions of the Vereinigte Metallwerke. Turnover for the first quarter of 1948 amounted to more than two million RM, as compared with a total turnover in 1947 of only 4,750,000 RM.

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